

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Kerry Zang et al.  
Serial No.: 10/777,514  
Filing Date: February 11, 2004  
Confirmation No.: 5263  
Group Art Unit: 3738  
Examiner: Miller, Cheryl L.  
Title: **CONICAL, THREADED SUBTALAR IMPLANT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

In response to the final Office Action dated June 12, 2007 (the "*Office Action*") and the Preappeal Decision dated October 02, 2007, Applicants respectfully request continued examination of the present application in order that the Examiner may reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following amendments thereto and the comments as set forth below.